

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY,
TEXAS, AUGUST 7, 2006, 6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met for a City Council Workshop the 7th day of August 2006 at 6:00 p.m., at the Leon Valley City Council Chambers, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Chris Riley called the meeting to order and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of Council were present: Maloy, Reyna, Semmelmann, Dean and Rangel.

City Manager Cortes, City Secretary Feutz, Fire Chief Irwin, Interim Police Chief Wallace, Interim Director of Public Works Stolz, City Accountant Wallace, Community Development Director Smith, Economic Development Liaison Caldera, Human Resources Officer Schendel, and Library Director Trent were also present.

Mayor Riley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of the Proposed FY 2007 Budgets.

City Manager Rick Cortes presented to Council information on the proposed FY 2007 budget and announced that the proposed budget would not require an increase in the ad valorem tax rate.

Mr. Cortes presented an overview of the revenue and expenditures proposed for all funds of the City including: the General Funds, Enterprise Fund, Community Center Fund, and other Special Funds. He explained that the proposed budget would ask for a one percent (1%) sales tax on residential gas and electric use, provide a three percent (3%) COLA increase for employees, provide additional funding to address pay issues and certification pay in the Public Works Department; provide funding for an Economic Development Vision Plan, and full time funding of the Code Enforcement Officer.

He explained that the budget proposed a metered water rate increase of three percent (3%), a water supply fee rate increase of .2384 per 1000 gallons, a sewer rate increase of three percent (3%) which when all were combined would impact the average customer by approximately \$50.64 annually. He explained that the additional revenues would contribute to the proposed three percent (3%) COLA for employees, would provide funding for the purchase of water rights and new debt payment and provide \$33,000 for the purchase of land at the Huebner Well site.

Discussion on discrepancies in the illustrated sewer rate comparisons will be investigated and corrected.

The City Manager and Council discussed the outstanding issues of a ladder truck and ambulance purchase and building changes to address the Fire and Police Department needs and a possible new City Hall complex. Mr. Cortes recommended that when the EMS vehicles were purchased, he would recommend the City sell bonds or Certificates of Obligation to fund the ladder truck purchase.

Presentation of Infrastructure/Capital Needs.

Fred Stolz, Interim Public Works Director presented an assessment of the infrastructure needs that were prioritized as Capital Projects for streets, sidewalks, drainage, buildings, and parks. The proposed projects total \$23,720,292. Chief Stan Irwin answered questions about the number of EMS runs the City is making, the cost of recent repairs for aging EMS vehicles, and the expected costs for an EMS module.

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Council expressed their concerns about the rising cost to purchase water rights and their concern about the status of aging EMS vehicles. Council directed the City Manager to include the purchase of an EMS ambulance in the FY 2007 budget with funding from the general fund reserve and to begin development of specifications for the purchase of a new quint ladder truck. City Manager Cortes recommended that the specifications for a new ladder truck be prepared and that the budget should include the funding for preparing the specifications for the fire truck and Council agreed.

Citizens to be Heard.

Mayor Riley asked if anyone in the audience wished to address Council, but no one came forward.

Announcements.

Councilmember Rangel stated that he was glad to be back home in Leon Valley after serving military duty in the Valley.

City Secretary Feutz reminded Council that the Special Council Meeting would begin at 6:00 p.m. and the Open Government Training would begin at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, on Tuesday, August 8, 2006.

Mayor Riley thanked Councilmember Maloy for serving as the Mayor Pro Tem and chairing the August 2, 2006.

Adjourn.

A motion by Councilmember Semmelmann, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Riley adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Chris Riley

Mayor

ATTEST:

Marie Feutz

City Secretary

Approved by vote of City Council at the Regular City Council Meeting of August 15, 2006.